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File No. 53

Serial Nos. 16, 20, 53 and 57

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Month March '97

SUBJECT.

Prosecution in case of infant marriages during the year 1896-97
(Pudukota)

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necked with the case
may be called for
the ~~the~~ there appear
inconsistencies
with regard to the
age of the girl and the
date on which the
marriage was cele-
brated.

Submitted
for orders.

Vernacular records perfectly
unnecessary, as not likely to
give any further information.
The inconsistencies are those of the
witnesses themselves. Draft
order for issue attd.
23/9.

Draft
submitted.
24/9.

Issued to Mr.

I think there is
sufficient reason
justify a prosecution

25-9-96

Sanction may be
accorded
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From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The ~~General~~ Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Genl: & Rev: Depts.

Dated 20th
Despatched 21st } September 96.

Received 22-00

General No. 1007
No. 118

Enclosure No. One.

SECTION Police
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SERIAL No. 16

Forwarding Copy of a memo
from Kolar Assistant
Superintendent of Police
regarding the occurrence
of an Infant marriage
at Pudoor in the Chinta
mani Taluk, and
requesting sanction to
prosecute the bridegroom
his father and the father
of the bride.

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 1007/118 Dated 20th September/21st 1896

Enc. one.

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.
General & Revenue Depts

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Memo received from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kolar, reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Pudúru also called Dasarahalli in the Chintamani Taluk.

2. The Police enquiry shews that a girl named Nanjamma alias — Puttamma, 2nd daughter of Venkatachalappa

of Dasarahalli aged under 7 years was married to one Venkataramiah who is stated to be upwards of 18 years of age and son of Subba Bhatta of Kurugamala. There is no documentary evidence to prove the age of the bride and of the bride-groom but it is stated by Patel Venkatram Reddi and village mid-wife Narayani that Puttamma is the 2nd issue of Venkatachalappa who has also admitted that she is his second issue born in the year Vikruti ie 6 years ago. Subba Bhatta and Venkatachalappa, father and father-in-law of the bride-groom say that Venkataramiah's age is upwards of 18 years.

3. In respect of the date of the marriage, it is stated by some of the

the witnesses that the marriage took place on the 16th February and by others on 2nd March 1896. That the marriage took place in one or other of these dates is certain and both these dates fall after the date on which the Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation came into force.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg that sanction may be accorded to prosecute the marginally noted men for an offence under Section 3 of Regulation No X of 1894.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

M Madhava Rao

Inspector General
of Police.

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Venkatesh Kalappa, father of the bride
Subba Bhatta — do — of the bride-groom
Venkataramiah - the bride-groom.

Exhibit 16

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Memo

in re the Infant marriage case of Padoora also called Dasaralahally Chintamani Taluk.

While engaged in the investigation of the infant marriage cases at Muraganala, on 25-3-96, the Inspector of Police, Chintamani Taluk learned from Bleti Ramiah that Brahmin Subba Bhat of Muruganala married his son Venkat Ramiah to Nanjamma infant daughter of Venkatachalappa of Dasaralahalli. The investigation of the case shows that there is no documentary evidence either regarding the age of the girl or the date of the marriage and the case must rest solely on the testimony of witnesses which a Court of law may or may not

not accept as trustworthy and Con-
-clusive.

It is stated that Venkatachalappa had in all six children by his wife Nanjamma - his only wife. Nanjamma alias Puttamma, the subject of the marriage, is his second issue. The first child was also a daughter, born on 25th February 1889, as the entry in the Register of Births and Deaths indicates. This child, however, had only 3 days existence. Nanjamma alias Puttamma is given out by Patel Venkat Ram Reddy and village midwife Narayani to be Venkata Chalappa's second issue. The latter also has admitted that Nanjamma alias Puttamma is his second issue and was born in the month of Jaishta of the year Vikruti. Even granting

granting that the girl now married is the eldest child of the parents and was born in February 1889. As her father first said, she would be under 8 years by the date of the marriage. But it has been ascertained that the girl married is the second daughter and should have been therefore much less under 8 years when married. Nanjamma can thus be proved to have been under the prescribed age limit. Now to go to the date of the marriage a few of the witnesses including Patel Venkat Ram Reddi say that the marriage took place on Shu- dha Thadaji of Palguna of the year Ksamatha corresponding to 16th February 1896, and a few others including Narnappa say that

that it took place on Palguna Jadagi ie on 2nd March 1896. That the marriage took place on one or the other of the dates given above admits of no doubt. The celebration of the marriage is spoken to by Patel Venkat Ram Reddi - Punchanga Shamanna, Narana Bhat - Shanbhouge Cbalappa and Duffedar Subba Rau.

If, in the opinion of the Inspector General of Police, this evidence is enough to institute proceedings against the parties, requests that the sanction of Government may be kindly obtained to prosecute the parties concerned.

S/of G. Krishna Rau
Assistant Superintendent
of Police
Kolar district

Copy

H/ Narasimha Rao
Inspector General
of Police.
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SECTION— Police

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SER'AL No. 20

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

READ—

Letter No. 1007/1118 dated 20th Sept 1896

from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore

reporting that on the 16th Feb or about the 1896 or thereabouts an infant girl of the age of 7 years

named Najamma alias Puttamma daughter

of Venkatachallappa of Dasarialhalli

in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk,

was married to one Venkatanamiah son of

Subbabhatta of Immuppanahalli

at Pudiveru also called Dasarialhalli,

Chiknayakanhalli Taluk.

ORDER THEREON No. 4340/1468 DATED 26 Sept 1896

Under the provisions of section 8 of Regulation X of 1894, the Government are pleased to direct the prosecution, for offences under section 3 of the Mysore Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation, of all persons who caused the marriage of the infant girl named Najamma alias Puttamma with a person named Venkatanamiah and of all persons who knowingly aided and abetted the same, and of the said husband Venkatanamiah

25-9-96.

General Secretary.

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~~The Deputy Commissioner,~~ ~~District.~~

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The ~~General~~ Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 28 Feb

Despatched 2nd February 1897
March 1897

Received 3 — —

General No. 2897

No. 330

Enclosure No.

Reporting that parties concerned in an infant marriage that took place at Andavu in Chintamani Taluk have been convicted by the District Magistrate.

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Papers put up.
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5/3/97

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 2897 / 330

Dated ....28.... ....February 1897. 2-3-

Enc.

FROM,

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

To

THE ~~GENERAL~~ SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
General and Revenue Departments.

——— SIR,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 4340 / J.468 of the 26th September 1896, sanctioning the prosecution of the parties concerned in an infant marriage that took place at Puduru also called Dasaralhalli in the Chintamani Taluk, I have the honor to state that the case was tried by the District Magistrate, Kolar, on the 12th instant and that the marginally noted persons concerned in it were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 5/- each and in default of payment to undergo simple imprison = ment for one week

1. Venkatasubbaiah, father of the bride.
2. Subbaiah, father of the bridegroom,
3. Venkatramana Bhat, the bridegroom.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

/By/ Ramchandra Rao
Inspector General
of Police.

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No 10077 / 1160 dt 10-3-97 Recd.

Letter No 2897/330 of 28: February 1897 from the Dist: Supdt of Police in Mysore, reporting that the marginally noted persons who were concerned in the infant-marriage which took place at Dasarahalli (in Nuggu) of the Chintamani Taluk, and whose prosecution was sanctioned in Pro. No. 4340/1468 of 26: Septr 1896, were tried by the District Magistrate, Kolar on 12-2-96 and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 5/- each, in default to undergo one week's simple imprisonment.

Order thereon

Recorded.

6/3/97

6/3/97

Secretary

To

The Dist: Supdt of Police in Mysore.

Issued 6/3/97

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1. Munivenkatala Bhat, father of the Bride.
2. Subba Bhat father of the Bridegroom
3. Venkatramana Bhat, the Bridegroom